

Pa-O in Myanmar



The Pa-O are called Taungthu, which means "hill people," by the Burmese. The British colonialists called them Black Karen because most Pa-O women wear black or dark blue dresses. For centuries, Buddhism has dominated every area of the lives and communities of the Pa-O. The people, however, still hold onto some animistic beliefs, and spirit shrines and magnificent wooden temples dot the outskirts of villages.

Ministry Obstacles

Although missionaries translated scripture portions into the Pa-O language in the year 1912, there has been little growth of the church since that time. Buddhism and animism maintain a strong grip on the people.

Outreach Ideas

Believers can call on the Lord to show miracles to these Buddhist people.

Prayer Focus

There are a small number of Christ followers among the Pa-O. Pray that they would grow in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and would have a wonderful testimony of the



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POPULATION: 870,000

LANGUAGE: Pa'o

RELIGION: Buddhism

BIBLE: New Testament

STATUS: Unreached

goodness of the Lord among their own people. Pray for Christian workers to be sent to the Pa-O people in sufficient numbers to make a difference. Pray also for workers to rise up from among the Pa-O, since they will know the language and the culture.

SCRIPTURE Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!
Psalm 117:1, ESV

PRAY that some from this people group will praise him this year.